ORDINANCE NO. M-2374

AN ORDINANCE ALLOCATING THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD'S 1/43RD SHARE OF REGIONAL GAMING TAX REVENUE TO THE HOMEWOOD POLICE AND FIRE PENSION FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Village of Homewood maintains separate pension funds for its full-time police officers and firefighter-paramedics, as required by state law; and

WHEREAS, these pension programs are funded by employee and employer contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Village funds the employer contributions through its annual property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, although the Village consistently levies at least the minimum contribution amount required by state law, the amount of property taxes collected has historically been less than 100%, thereby reducing the funds paid into the pension plans; and

WHEREAS, because of reduced tax collections, a $1.6 million deficit in police and fire pension funding has accumulated over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the Village receives a 1/43RD share of the Regional Gaming Tax, which by law must be used for capital expenditures or public pension payments; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees find that it is in the Village's best interest to annually allocate up to $150,000 of the Village's share of Regional Gaming Tax revenue to the police and fire pension funds to offset future property tax collection shortfalls.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS:

The above recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully restated here.

SECTION TWO – ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE PENSION FUNDS:

The Village's 1/43rd share of the Regional Gaming Tax shall be allocated as follows:

(a) The first $150,000 shall be allocated proportionately to the Village's police and fire pension funds, based upon the prior year's tax levy extensions.
(b) Payment to the pension funds shall be made annually beginning in April 2026.
(c) Any funds in excess of $150,000 shall be allocated to the Village's Capital Improvement Program.

SECTION THREE – EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law, but shall automatically expire and be of no further force or effect when both pension plans are funded at 90% of their total actuarial liabilities as defined by the Illinois Pension Code, unless extended by subsequent action of the Village Board. Upon expiration, all provisions herein shall be deemed repealed without further action.

PASSED and APPROVED this 28th day of October, 2025.

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____ ABSENCES: _____